# A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

Saturday September 22. 1711.

I Hope no Man that profeſſes himſelf a Subject of the Queen, can juſtly take it amiſs, that the publick Inſults of her Majeſty's Government, Title, and Perſon, are publickly Animadverted upon, by the Author of any publick Paper——— If they do, I muſt run the Riſque of their Indignation.

When a profeſs'd declar'd *Jacobite* does this; one that to the preſent Government is a *Non-Juror*, owns the Pretender, pays double Taxes, does not conceal his Principles, but tells you he is bound in Conſcience to King *James* and his Son, as he thinks him —— And therefore he cannot ſwear to, pray for, or own the Queen —— When ſuch a one as this prays in his Diſſenting Aſſembly in *Scotland*, or *Jacobite* Meeting in *England*, That God would reſtore his Exil'd Sovereign, that Right may be reſtor'd to him, and that he may be ſet upon the Throne of his Anceſtors——— I neither wonder at, or Reproach him with it; the Man, tho' miſtaken, yet is juſt to his Principle, is an open Enemy, not a conceal'd Enemy; all he does may be conſiſtent with a Man of Honour, a Man of Conſcience, and in ſhort, with an Honeſt Man —— To hear him in his Society drink to the Return of his Young Maſter; or in his Mirth,

Mirth, ſing ——*Awa, Whigs, awa,* or the new Song of, *The King ſhall enjoy his own again*——It is no Offence to me, it is what the Man profeſſes, what he pretends to, and what we are bid to expect from him; nay, the very Laws do not Condemn him, provided he keeps Decency and the Peace; they have, indeed, double Tax'd him, for which her Majeſty gave the beſt Reaſon that ever was given, in her Speech to the Parliament, *Anno* 1704. *viz.* That it was but reaſonable theſe People, who join'd with that Intereſt which kept up this War, ſhould Contribute to the carrying it on.

But thoſe Gentlemen who take the Oaths to her Majeſty, publickly abjure the Pretender, appear in her Majeſty's Preſence among the reſt of her Faithful Subjects, advance the Doctrine of Her Hereditary, Indefeizible Right, of Paſſive Submiſſion to, and Non-Reſiſtance of her Power; for theſe to Inſult her Government, by drinking Healths to, and Praying for, as King, her Mortal Enemy; theſe are Perjur'd to a degree not to be expreſs'd, and for me to Complain of, or Exclaim at the Exceſſes of theſe, I ſee no Man can blame me, without Breach of his Reſpect to the Queen herſelf.

But I muſt go a Degree farther; when theſe Things are done by Men who bear her Majeſty's Commiſſion, wear her Livery, eat her Bread, and are Entertain'd in her Service; really, Gentlemen, *let who will reſent this,* I point out no Body, *à Fructibus eorum agnoſcetis eos,* let the Characters of ſuch be what they will, their Offices be Civil or Military; the greater the Office, the more her Majeſty's Bounty; the more her Majeſty's Bounty, the greater and viler the Ingratitude and Baſeneſs of ſuch an Action; whoever they are, they diſhonour their Truſt, betray their Sovereign, and are no leſs, *in the Meaning of the Law, tho' the Letter may not reach them,* than Traytors to the Queen; and that I may not be capable of being counted Abuſive in this, I ſhall give you a ſhort Hiſtory of the Tune, the People I ſpeak of, delight in.

It is true, that an *Old Song* and *a Tune to it,* was made in the Exile of King *Charles* II. the *Chorus*, or Burthen of the Song, as it was uſually call'd, and by which the Tune was afterwards known, was,—— *And the King ſhall enjoy his own again*——And it is farther true, that the ſaid Song can have no Reference to this Day, as it was then made; every Body knows this well enough, and ſo they would pretend the Queen is no Way Concern'd in it now.

But I muſt ask you, pray, Gentlemen, will you allow of no oblique Affronts to her Majeſty? Is nothing a juſt Offence to the Queen, but down-right calling her Uſurper?—— If you will go by that Rule, no Man can juſtly be Affronted at the Author of this, for I ſpeak not directly to any Body——And 'tis hard that private Men ſhall think themſelves Affronted by a Method, which they will not allow their Sovereign to think herſelf Inſulted by.

But what if I prove, Gentlemen, that there is a *New Song* made to this *Old Tune*——That Singing this very Tune ſometimes *with* that Song, ſometimes *without* it, is the very Way, by which the profeſs'd honeſt, open-avow'd *Jacobites* bid Defiance to the Queen——That this *Song* and *Tune* is conſtantly ſung by the *Jacobites* on the 11*th* of *June*, the Birth-Night of the Pretender, and is Calculated, or Dedicated to that Day, *and to that Perſon*; that by it, they expreſs, *and take this to be the beſt Way of expreſſing* their Zeal for the Pretender, and their Contempt of the Queen; That this is the common Allegory of the Party, and that it has been ſo ſome Years: If you want Proof of this, you need go but to any Ingenuous *Jacobite* in *Britain*, and he will own it —— And if you pleaſe but to be upon the *High-ſtreet of Edinburgh*, on any 11*th* of *June*, about 11 a Clock at Night, you ſhall not fail to be led by the *Jacobite* Rabble to the Conduits in the ſame Street there, be made drink a Health to *James* VIII. and ſhall hear them ſing (and perhaps ſee them Dance to it) *The King ſhall enjoy his own again*; if then I prove this, will any Man tell me, that what is done to Affront the

the Queen in *Edinburgh*, can be done without Affronting the Queen in *London*?

If any Man ask me, *as some are apt to do*, Why does the Government employ such? Why encourage them? Why are they vested with Power and with Trusts? And why Weapons put in their Hands, to encourage them to this Boldness? My Answer is threefold.

1. I cannot believe, either the Queen, or any faithful Counsellor, in whose Power it is to have it otherwise, can be thought to know it; or but that when they shall know it, and the Persons, they will take a Time to shew their Displeasure at it, and depose them with Contempt.
2. I am among the Number of those rather, that Lament the Fact, than undertake to give a true Reason for it; tho' perhaps I may not agree with you in all the Causes.
3. I believe the principal Scandal of it lies among our selves; tho' I own it is my Opinion, that it is in itself some Reproach to the Government too, and I doubt not but there are them in the Government, who will, in Time, reform it.

Some to excuse this, *for no Man can have the Face to justifie it*, tell us, It is not done so much to Affront the Queen, but to Affront the Whigs.

Have a care, Gentlemen, how you advance this any farther; we know you do not care to make Panegyricks upon the Whigs, or do them any Honour; but can there be a greater Honour to the Whigs, than to shew that they are Concern'd and Affronted in your Insulting the Queen? — That to have the Pretender *enjoy the Crown*, is the Horror and Aversion of the Whigs —— This is such an Acknowledgment of the Loyalty of the Whigs, that I am sure you would not be quoted to.

Nor can I bring you off, as the Apostles did the *Jews*, *Act.* 3. 17. *That through Ignorance ye did it, as did also your Rulers* —— For suppose there were really no Design to Affront her Majesty, in causing the *Hautboys* of the City Train'd-Bands, to play in their March through the City, *The King shall enjoy his own again*; Yet was it not the height of Folly and Imprudence to single out that very *Shiboleth*, by which her Majesty's Enemies are known, and to distinguish your selves by it?—— To single out that very Tune, by which her Majesty's Enemies do actually insult her, and make *that alone* your Musick—— To single that Tune, and no other, by which the profess'd *Jacobites* express their Duty to the Pretender—— And why this Tune and no other? And why this Tune every day you March'd? —— Something must be in it, either you pointed it *somewhere* or *nowhere*; I cannot say for you that you pointed it *nowhere*, because I am loth to put the Fools Cap upon the Grenadiers Cap, and bring in the City Train'd-Bands Piping, Marching, &c. and meaning nothing at all; this would be to put a kind of Feather in your Caps, you have no more Title to than other Folks; if it pointed *somewhere*, tell us Where——You dare not say at the Whigs, *for the Reasons above*; you dare not say at the Queen, *for the Reasons below* —— The first of which is, because *de Facto*, she is Queen; let any Man answer any farther for you that can, for I can not; for, in short, as they say, God would have few Servants if the Devil were Dead, so the Queen, I doubt, would have a thin *Militia* in *London*, as our wise Lieutenancy have order'd Matters, if *de Facto* was remov'd from the Case, if the Person and Possession were parted——If I judge hardly, I am sorry, I appeal to all Impartial Men, if I judge rightly or no.

## TO CONCLUDE.

For the Train'd-Bands of the City of *London* to March in Triumph, playing a Tune, singled out by the Enemies to the Government, as the very Jingle of the Party, to Affront and Banter the Constitution and the Queen;

Queen; That Tune, which as above, is the *Allegory*, the *Shiboleth*, the *Lilly-burlero* of the *Jacobites*, in defiance of her Majesty; I say it was either the most Foolish and Absurd Thing, without Meaning, without Thought, and without knowing what they did, that ever was done in the Nation; and they ought to have halted as they March'd into the Fields, and Encamp'd at *Bedlam* till their Brains were return'd into Motion again, and till the Stagnation of their Senses was over; OR it was a most Impudent Scandalous, nay, *Trayterous* Affront to her Majesty, the greatest that ever peaceable Subjects offer'd to a Prince, or Lawful Sovereign ever stoop'd to bear from Subjects, in these last 50 Years of the World—— And I am fully perswaded, unless the Government fall into some Lethargy, which I do not foresee, it will not yet pass unpunish'd.

If any Man ask me who I mean by this, God forbid I should live, after I am afraid to Name them; I scorn to confine this to any single Person; but I mean every Officer Great and Small, who being in Commission under her Majesty, and *with a Design to Affront her Majesty and her Title to the Crown* (by Vertue of the Revolution Settlement in Parliament) either Commanded that Tune to be play'd through the City, or heard it play'd without expressing his dislike, by Countermanding it, if his Authority were sufficient——Every one of these have Immorally and Traiterously Affronted the Queen, are a Scandal to the City, and a Reproach to the Nation: This I formerly affirm'd, and do now again, and I wonder much, that any Gentleman who thinks this Coat fits him, should seek out any one to defend it, but he that wrote it.

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